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Re: Comments on Draft Final Report of the Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change

In a letter dated February 5, 2010, we joined other members of the Commission in submitting comments on proposals and recommendations to be included in a final report. After reviewing the draft final report that included additional recommendations for future consideration, new legislative proposals, and a place-marker for additional findings, we continue to believe that it is more productive to focus on doing what we have already agreed to rather than considering additional tasks and legislative proposals. Additional comments on the draft final report are included in the following paragraphs.

## **Introduction**

In general, we believe that many statements expressed in the "Introduction" of the report read as findings by the Commission, rather than an overview of the Commission's work. Under the heading "Need for State Action", there are several statements that make unsupported conclusions regarding the science, scope, and local effect on global climate change. Language included in the section titled "Development of the Final Report" presumes that the Commission will make additional findings and agree to a list of recommendations for future consideration and legislative proposals, without having thoroughly debated and discussed the merits of each.

## **Additional Findings**

Since its inception, the Commission has had the benefit of listening to numerous speakers regarding a variety of issues related to climate change. While there continues to be a lack of unanimity on many issues related to this complex and vexing issue, the Commission agreed on February 11, 2008 to the following findings: 1) climate change is real, 2) human activity is a factor in that change, and 3) the Commission should move forward to address the issues faced by the State.

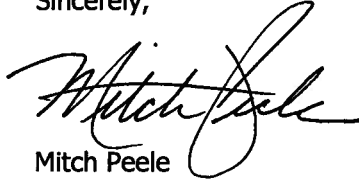
Commission members are being asked to consider a possible 10 additional findings related to climate change. Speakers before the Commission offered varying views regarding climate change, however these presentations alone do not constitute findings. We believe that there has not been significant and compelling information presented to the Commission to adopt more specific findings than previously agreed to in 2008.

## **Recommendations for Future Consideration**

The language in this section seems to indicate a consensus view by the Commission. In reality, this section should clearly indicate that it is a list of all recommendations made by any Commission member and that the recommendations have not been individually debated. Further, the recommendations put forth by Farm Bureau and other groups are inexplicitly not included in the list contained in the draft report.

In closing, the Commission has examined many complex issues regarding climate change since our initial meeting February 3, 2006. The Commission has adopted significant findings and recommendations concerning the vexing issue of global climate change. We have yet to reap the full benefit of the implementation of these actions. Until we realize such, it would be premature to adopt additional policy recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mitch Peele". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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